

2 NINETY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
3 FIRST SESSION
4 LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 66

5 Introduced by Hilgert, 7; Suttle, 10

6 WHEREAS, Jim Miller was born in Friend, Nebraska, to
7 Kenneth and Arvilla Miller on June 11, 1950, and moved to Milford,
8 Nebraska, when he was two years of age; and

9 WHEREAS, Jim Miller grew up with sports being a central
10 part of his life, participating in football, basketball, and track.
11 He garnered all-conference achievements in basketball and football
12 at Milford High School from which he graduated in 1968; and

13 WHEREAS, Jim Miller graduated from Kearney State College
14 in 1972 with a degree in education and a specialization in biology.
15 He remained true to his rural roots by teaching biology for two
16 years at Sumner/Miller/Eddyville; and

17 WHEREAS, Jim Miller arrived at Omaha's Marian High
18 School in 1974 to teach and started coaching Junior Varsity
19 basketball and cross-country shortly after he arrived; and

20 WHEREAS, Jim Miller assumed the role of athletic director
21 at Marian High School in 1975. In the following year, Jim took on
22 the position of head coach of the varsity basketball team. Since
23 being named head coach, his teams have always had a winning record;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, Jim Miller completed an administration degree at
26 the University of Nebraska at Omaha in 1979; and

1 WHEREAS, Marian High School first won the basketball
2 state championship in 1985 while Jim Miller was coach. In that
3 same year, Marian High School achieved a national ranking of 17 by
4 USA Today. In total, under Jim Miller's leadership, Marian High
5 School has been in the state tournament twenty-three times and
6 advanced to the finals of the tournament eleven times; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1994, Jim Miller stopped teaching and assumed
8 the role of assistant principal at Marian High School while
9 remaining head basketball coach and athletic director; and

10 WHEREAS, Jim Miller's personal pinnacle was the
11 back-to-back basketball titles won by Marian High School in 2000
12 and 2001. In the 2000 championship year, Jim coached his daughter
13 Jaime on the Marian High School basketball team. That same year,
14 Jim was recognized as girls' basketball coach of the year; and

15 WHEREAS, as athletic director, Jim Miller witnessed state
16 titles in a variety of sports, including the record-setting
17 achievement of five championships in cross-country, volleyball,
18 swimming, soccer, and basketball in the year 2000; and

19 WHEREAS, Jim Miller married the former Maureen Neary (a
20 1970 Marian High School alumna) on April 20, 1979. He and his wife
21 have two children: Jaime, a freshman at St. Louis University; and
22 Brennen, a freshman at Creighton Preparatory School.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE
24 NINETY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

25 1. That the Legislature congratulates Jim Miller on his
26 achievement of twenty-five years as head basketball coach at Marian
27 High School.

28 2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Jim Miller

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1 and his family and to the principal of Marian High School.